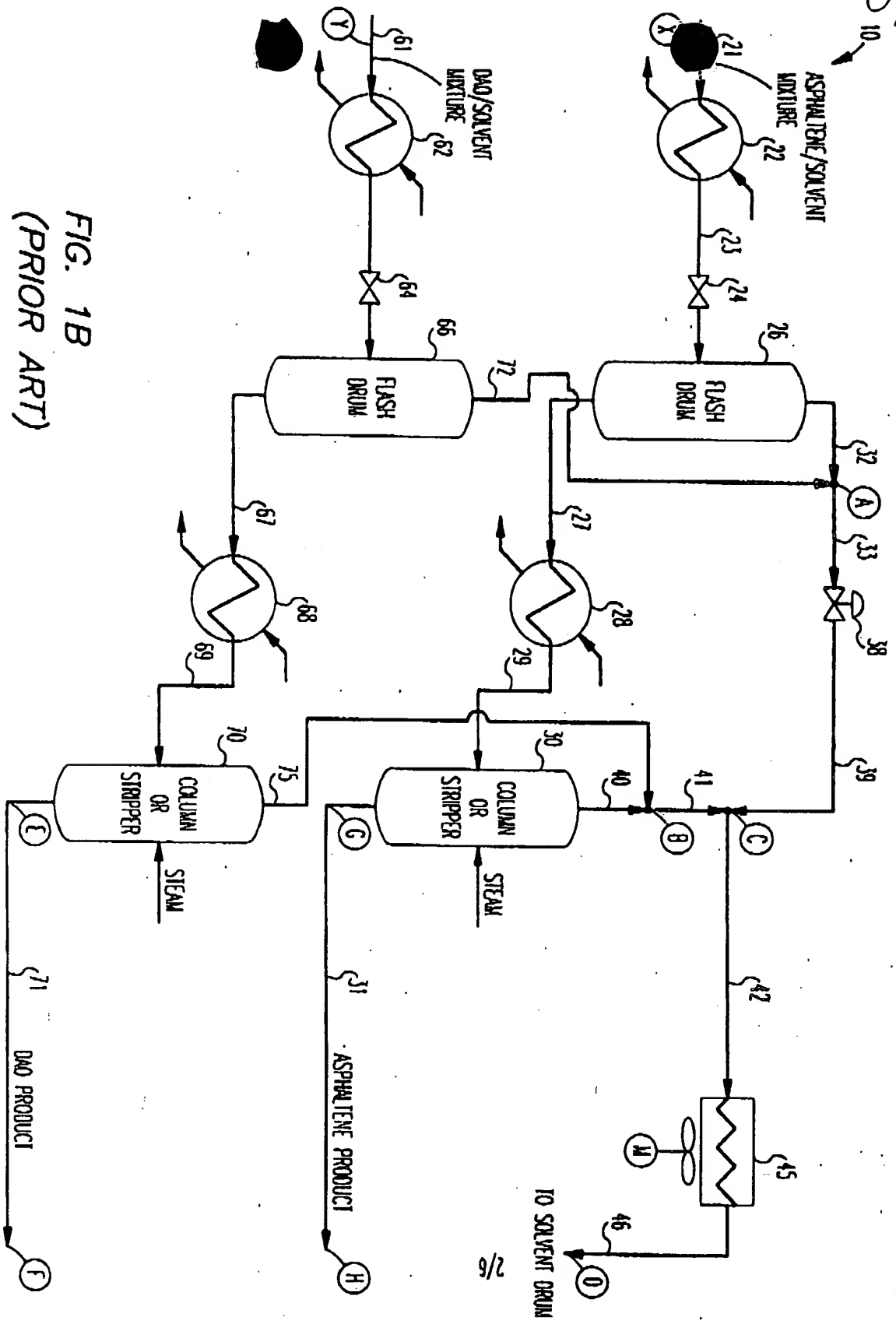


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FIG. 1B
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The diagram illustrates a process for creating asphaltene pellets from a slurry. An asphaltene-water slurry (102) is fed into a cooling zone (104) where it meets a water stream (106). This results in the formation of asphaltene pellets (108) within a cooling media (110). The pellets are then transported (114) through a pellet transport system (116) to a separator (120). The separator (120) separates the pellets (122) from the water, which is recycled (122). The pellets are then moved to a location (118) for further use.

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